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Watkins Tries Twice and Fails; Makes Good the Final Attempt To Set Record

Pete Watkins brought new glory to Aggieland last Saturday evening at the Drake Relays when he hit the sand pit and looked up to see the rod still hanging at the six foot eight inch mark.

There's a funny story behind the Aggie athlete who broke the 21 year old Drake record, and it all started when the lanky Watkins started his athletic career. But before should be mentioned in connection with the event Saturday.

That something goes like this. Before the exact day that Watkins was to leave for Des Moines, there was some doubt to whether the high jumper was going to make the trip. Plans were before the officials to let the All-American go, but there were some questions to whether he should make the trip or not. Now that it is over and the Aggie star has reached his goal, the story can be told.

And then there is the thing that had everything to do with putting Pete where he is today. That is that Watkins' determination. The first two tries for the high mark of 6 feet 8 inches, saw Watkins fail. Then the last and final try was before him. A chance in a life time to set a record at one of the largest track meets in the nation was standing before him. Like all men that the Man Upstairs creates, he was nervous. Anyone would be. There never has been a champion yet that wasn't before the curtain fell. But the lesson that Pete knows well was exercised last Saturday.

After knocking down the pole the second time, Pete went back and sat down. After a few minutes of relaxation, with some 8000 fans waiting to see what was going to happen, he was ready to try for the last time. That final try was all that was required.

Pete broke a record that has stood the pounding of 21 years and trials by some thousand athletes. The record was made back in 1922 and saw many tracksters trying to make a new one. These tracksters were from many of the eastern schools and many of the institutions have had some strong teams in the past.

The record that Pete set will last through many of the Relays to come and behind that record will be seen Texas A. & M.

LONGHORNS CRYING
The week is here and the game is just around the corner, when the

Annual High School Swimming Meet To Be Held At Aggieland May 15th

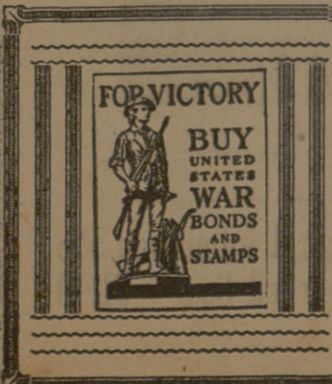
The annual high school swimming meet to determine the state high school swim champs will be held here at A. & M. again in Downs Natorium Saturday, May 15, according to Art Adamson, who is to be in charge of the meet.

Entries from all over the state are expected, stated Adamson, with Houston to supply four teams. These are San Jacinto, Sam Houston, Lamar, and Stephen F. Austin, all who are expected to send strong teams. Other teams to be represented will be Breckenridge and Thomas Jefferson of San Antonio, Highland Park of Dallas; Paschal High of Fort Worth, Austin of El Paso, and the A. & M. Consolidated high school. There may be more schools entered before the meet, but as yet these are the only entries to be received.

Breckenridge high, led by Dickie Westkaemper, and Highland Park will be defending the title jointly in this coming meet. Tech another strong San Antonio team, will not be represented in this meet, and will not be able to defend the titles won last year.

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Aggie Golfers Win From Owls

Coach Jack Lee's Texas Aggie Gold team opened their season with a brilliant victory over the Rice Owls Saturday afternoon at Houston. The Cadets won five matches out of seven they played.

Howell, Bill Jones, Jimmy Gardner and B. F. Julius scored the victories in the singles for the Aggies, Bill Compton being the only Cadet to lose in singles. In the doubles, Jones and Gardner of the Aggies edged out Young and Rayzor of the Owls, while the Owls' Taylor and Lewis paired to defeat Howell and Compton of the Cadets.

Coach Lee was impressed with the Aggie win over the Owls and he expects the Aggies will give a tough fight to the Longhorn Golfers in the Conference meet to be held May 8 at Houston. The Longhorns are great favorites to carry off the conference golf crown again.

Next Saturday, May 1, the Aggies and Longhorns meet in their first test, and the winner of this meet will decide to an extent who will be the next Golf Conference champion. The matches will be played at Bryan Country Club course.

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Prominent colleges and universities taking places in the meet were Notre Dame, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Drake, Miami, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Northwestern, Minnesota and Cornell.

Watkins will resume competition with the track team May 7-8 in a SWC meet at Houston.

Final Games Of Basedall Race This Week End; Aggies vs: T.U.

Championship To Be Decided When Steers Meet Aggies In Two Game Series Fri & Sat

By Ruben R. Caro Costas

In preparation for their two crucial games against the Longhorns this coming week-end, April 30 and May 1 at Kyle Field, Coach Homer Norton sent his baseballers through a long batting drill Saturday and Monday afternoons. With only three more days before they clash with the Longhorns, the Cadets will stress more than anything their hitting, as this has been the main weakness in the Texas Aggie nine, and by Friday the Cadets will be an improved hitting club who will blast the Longhorns out of the conference with a complete sweep of the two game series to be played.

The Cadets are working very hard and are spurred by the burning desire to "beat the hell out of the Teasippers." If you drop around the diamond one of these days you will see that real old fighting spirit and hustle characteristic of every Aggie team, and when the umpire calls "play ball" next Friday, the Cadet Corps will see a bunch of players going out onto the field with a grim determination in their eyes—those players none other than the hustling Texas Aggie nine going after the scalp of the Longhorns.

All of the starting players in the Cadet nine will don for the last time the Aggie uniform and before they enter the army they will end their baseball career in a blaze of glory, hoping to give A&M one more baseball championship. Throughout this season every one of them has been playing fine ball, showing that spirit and aggressiveness that makes them so feared by their opponents. Although handicapped throughout the whole season by the army activation, lack of sufficient time to practice, and many other causes, the Cadets have come through their schedule with ten wins and five defeats. Of those games won, five of them were conference victories; four against the Rice Owls and one against the Longhorns. The other victories have been against army teams, one against a strong Randolph team, two against Kelly Field and two against the Coast Guard club from La Porte. Their losses have been one to Texas U, for their only conference loss, and four to army teams, three of them from Randolph Field and one at the hands of the powerful Waco Army Flying School club.

J. B. Carden and Johnny Shufford have been carrying the heavy load for the Cadets and they had turned in excellent performances against their foes. Smokey Carden stopped the strong Randolph Field club, being the only hurler in this conference succeeding in this task, and Shufford blanked the Longhorns for the two outstanding feats in the conference this season, and before they are through they will show the Southwest their caliber when they face the Longhorns in the last two games of this conference schedule. Both of them are all-conference chunckers and Friday and Saturday afternoon each one will take care of stopping the Longhorns' desires of carrying back to the Forty Acres the Southwest Conference baseball championship. If they need any help it will come from Damon Tassos and Les Peden.

In the infield, the Aggies boast of having a great combination with Peden at first, Ira Glass on second, Smith around third, Newberry at short and Weldon Carden at the backstop position. They have been turning out sensational plays with their smooth fieldings. The combination of Newberry and Glass and Peden is the best in the conference so far, and this writer doubts that when selections are made for all-conference players, these three Aggie stars will be in every selection. In the back stop position Weldon Carden is far in front of the backstops from Texas and Rice. His record of fifteen pick-ups in so many games played has made him the most feared catcher in the conference, not only by the conference teams but also by the other clubs the Cadets faced this season. His strong arm prevented many would-be stealers in their vain attempt to steal a base. His hitting brought many runs for the Aggies and were big factors in some of the Aggie victories.

All-conference outfielder and co-captain of the Aggie nine is Cullen Rogers, head of the Cadet flycatching staff. He is one of the top hitters for the Aggies and right now

Cadet Net Team Losses To Steers

Texas Aggie found the Texas Longhorns net men too classy for them here last Saturday, as they fell to the Steer onslaught without winning a match. As a matter of fact, the Aggies were not even able to register even a set victory, as Doctor Penick's men took the meet 9-0. The Longhorns found slight trouble in only two of the matches, while in all the other matches they took the Cadets with ease.

Ags' Billy Bennet gave Gordon, Steers' top netter, lots of trouble in their second set, finally losing out by an 8-6 count after Gordon took the first set 6-1. The other close call that the Ags gave the Longhorns came in the doubles match between Texas' Frank Arrington and Tom Mitchell, and the Aggies' Bill Marshall and Jack Thompson, the Steers finally winning out, 6-1, 9-7.

A 6-0, 6-0 defeat, the worst pasting of the day, was received by the Aggies' Marshall at the hands of the No. 1 Texas singles star, Mitchell. The other singles matches followed this trend, with Arrington taking Thompson 6-0, 6-1; Ed Braswell beating H. C. Allen 6-3, 6-1; Clem Saunders holding out Ellis Garlington 6-2, 6-3, and Tom Runge brushing Duffy Stanley aside, 6-2, 6-4.

In the doubles matches, Saunders and Braswell proved too much for Allen and Garlington, taking them 6-3, 6-3, while Runge and Best rounded out the day for Texas with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Bennet and Stanley.

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T U Nine Falls Under Fliers, 8-6

An eighth inning rally Saturday by the Longhorns fell short when Walter Nothe, Randolph Field hurler stopped the Steer uprising and prevented them from making good their efforts. Randolph Field went on to win 8-6, ever though, they collected only eight hits off of the Longhorns chunckers while the Steers pounded the starting Rambler chuncker for sixteen hits.

Texas U. took the lead in the second inning when they scored three runs, losing it in the fourth never to take it again. Their eighth inning rally was cut short when Walter Nothe Rambler chuncker was rushed to the mound to check the Steers in their uprising which he succeeded in doing.

This was the last game for the Longhorns before they will meet the Aggies here Friday and Saturday.

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is batting at a .375 clip along with the other co-captain, Les Peden. He has been a great factor in bringing victories to Aggieland with his long drives that have sent many Aggies across home plate. This is the last season he will don the Aggie uniform.

Along with Leo Daniels and Seay, the Aggies have the best outfield combination in the conference; fine fielding, good hitting and strong arms. Rogers is a sure bet to repeat as all-conference player. Leo Daniels, playing the center field, is running second to Newberry in batting in the conference, with .420.

Seay is the other outfielder who has been playing almost regularly the right field position and has received some help from Walker, Olsak and Robinson. He is batting .308 in the conference, which makes him the fourth batter in the Aggie nine. He has improved a lot in his fielding.

With their big guns, the whole Cadet Corps turning out for the game along with the band, the Texas Aggie baseball team will try to retain the baseball crown they took away from the Longhorns last year at Austin.

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INTRAMURALS

By John Stout

Ho hum, this sure is sleepy weather, or is it the weather? Well, anyway, if I can think straight I will cut the conversation and let you know of what is going on down at the P. E. department this week.

Speedball

A Field and I will tangle Thursday afternoon in a very important Class A Speedball game to decide who will play 3rd Hq. Field in the Finals next week. The game Thursday afternoon is the only semifinal game left to be played. I Field was the first team in the class to enter the semifinals and A Field was the last team. A Field has been working themselves up gradually while I Field jumped to the top with quick wins over all of their contenders. Well, anyway, this game will be worth seeing, especially for 3rd Hq. who will play the winner in the final game.

Make-Ups

It wouldn't hurt, I guess, to put a line of information in at this point to let some of you know how you stand, and how this P.E. stands with the military department. P.E. is the same as any other course which you are taking, as far as the military record goes, and if you skip during the middle of the class it will count as desertion just as it would in any of your other class. The sad part of this is that it will be entered on your service record as such. Another thing, there are only four more weeks to be used by most of you to make up lost classes. Don't forget about the Intramural games either, because at the end of this semester you must have played 12 intramural games. You will not be allowed to take more than one make-up each evening. Let's start making these up before it is too late.

Track Meet

The information about the intramural track meet has been released to all of the recreational officers and it is important that they get their teams organized.

The intramural track meet will be held at 2 p.m. next Sunday, May 2, on the Kyle Field track. Preliminaries will be held Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, for most of the track events.

There are twelve events this year in the meet. They were announced last Saturday in the Battalion but some slight changes have been made. Due to the fact that 300-yard dashes are qualification runs on so many physical fitness tests today it was decided by the depart-

ment to change the 440-yard dash to the 300-yard dash. The mile relay has also been erased from the list and a 440-yard shuttle relay race has been put in its place.

- The events are:
- 100-Yard Dash.
- 120-Yard Low Hurdles.
- 300-Yard Dash.
- 880-Yard Run.
- Mile Run.
- 1.7 Mile Run.
- 440-Yard Shuttle Relay.
- Shot Put.
- High Jump.
- High Jump.
- Broad Jump.
- Chinning.
- Bar Vault.

Preliminaries will be held Saturday at 3:00 o'clock for the 100-yard dash, low hurdles, 300-yard dash, and the 440 relay. All other

Boys Interested In Cage Team Asked To Report At Gym Today

Cage Coach Manning Smith has issued a call for all boys interested in basketball who think they might be in school next semester, to report to the gym today to talk over plans for a spring work out. There are probably few boys who know for sure that they might return, but those who are interested in basketball and have had some experience, whether they are sure or not, are asked to report. Smith wants to get a general idea of the prospects so some plans may be made. All boys interested, please report at 5:00 p.m. inside the gym.

Commodore Rank Asked Restored By Navy for Duration

Restoration of the rank of commodore has been requested by the Navy as temporary for the duration and legislation to carry out the proposal has been introduced in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The bill to restore the grade of commodore was reported by the Senate Naval Affairs Committee without extended debate, but with an amendment which would insure that commodores be subject to Senate confirmation. The comparable rank—brigadier general in the Army—is subject to Senate confirmation.

events will have no preliminaries. Qualifications for the 1.7 mile run will be made during this week in P.E. classes. The qualification time will be around 9:15. This is no fixed point and the time may vary from this if the weather gets bad or changes, however, if the weather this week was like last week's the time will be 9:15.

The track meet will be so organized as to permit men to take part in both the track and field meets. Each participant will be limited to four events, and no man will be permitted to enter more than two running events, including the relay. Also no man will be permitted to run both the mile and the 1.7 mile run.

In the field events, a man may take his three tries at any time during the course of the meet, but a man must keep up with the rise the bar in the high jump.

All recreational officers are reminded that in order for your organization to receive the 50 entry points your organization must have a minimum of five men to participate in the meet.

The feature event of the meet will be without a doubt the 1.7 mile run. Let's get going and get things organized and may your outfit be the team to share the top honors of the day next Sunday. You can do it if you talk it up. How about it?

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